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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-36 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Applicant has filed an RCE 11/20/06.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 1,2,4-9,11-21 and 23-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The presently rejected claims fail to disclose statutory form,. An example of a possible correction “a computer processing the following steps” or “a program on a computer readable medium.”

Claims 1,2,4-9,11-21 and 23-36 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention lacks patentable utility. The present invention as claimed fails to produce a tangible result. For example of a possible correction could be “returning a message with the inferred relation weight query to the client” or “wherein the documents are retrieved and stored in memory.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ajay M. Bhatia whose telephone number is (571)-272-3906. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

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